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Memo's & Misc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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August 21, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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H. A. Kissinger

Henry A. Kissinger

Dispatched 8/21/72 (rb)

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Henry A. Kissinger

cc Office of Chief of Protocol/State
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MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

August 18, 1972

FOR: Jeanne Davis

FROM: Fred Rondon FR

SUBJECT: Agrement - Philip Jonathan Gbagu Palmer - Ambassador to the US from Sierra Leone

Attached is a memorandum from Dr. Kissinger to the Secretary of State concurring in the appointment of Philip Jonathan Gbagu Palmer as Ambassador of the Republic of Sierra Leone to the United States. Sierra Leone is anxious to announce this appointment as soon as possible.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1972

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Dear Mr. President:

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I believe this appointment would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Respectfully,

William P. Rogers

Enclosure:

Biography.

The President,
The White House.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION
June 23, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY KISSINGER

FROM: Melvin H. Levine

SUBJECT: Roger Morris Protests Nomination of U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone

Notwithstanding Roger Morris' testimony against U.S. Ambassador-Designate to Sierra Leone, Clinton L. Olson, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously today to confirm Olson.

In what I am told was a long, rambling and emotional statement, Morris complained about Olson's failure to carry out policy when he was Deputy Chief of Mission and Charge in Nigeria (1966-70). Morris alleged that Olson had not been fired because State covered up for him. Morris also refused to accept the Committee's finding, that it had reviewed the official documents for the period and found no discrepancies in policy and execution. In effect, Morris suggested that the Committee was white-washing State, which reportedly angered Fulbright.

Touching on your views towards the Nigerian crises and the performance of State and the Embassy, Morris reportedly said that your attitude was one of frustration and resignation. Senator Fulbright commented that this was not in character with the Kissinger he knew.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1971

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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SUBJECT: Agrement - Jacob Arthur Christian Davies - Ambassador to the US from Sierra Leone

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Washington, D.C. 20520

CONFIDENTIAL Enclosure

October 3, 1969

TO : Mr. Henry A. Kissinger
The White House

FROM : Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation between the President and Ambassador John Akar of Sierra Leone, October 2, 1969.

For White House approval prior to distribution. The President's remarks and the suggested distribution are sidelined in blue.

Enclosure:

Memorandum of Conversation--U.S.-African Relations

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no HAK action necessary! Tomorrow

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CONFIDENTIAL Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: October 2, 1969

SUBJECT: U.S.-African Relations

PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.
The President
Ambassador Emil Mosbacher, Jr.
Assistant Secretary David Newsom

Sierra Leone
Ambassador John Akar

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The President welcomed Ambassador Akar and the opportunity to emphasize to the Ambassador his personal interest in Africa and that of his Administration. The President said that he was of necessity occupied with a number of major and urgent problems such as Viet-Nam and the SALT talks but that this did not mean any less interest in the problems of the developing world and of Africa.

Ambassador Akar said he welcomed the President's words. He wished to say frankly that there were many who believed that the present Administration was not interested in Africa. Among his former colleagues in the Commonwealth Broadcasting Secretariat in London the thought was expressed that this was not a good time for an African Ambassador in Washington, given the possible directions of the Administration. Ambassador Akar said he had been pleased however to note in the time that he had been in Washington that a very genuine interest in the problems of Africa had been demonstrated. He mentioned particularly the statement by Assistant Secretary Newsom to a group of African Ambassadors and members of Congress in which he had emphasized the President's personal interest in Africa.

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The President said he was keenly interested in Africa. He had visited it twice and he had felt personally its energy and its dynamism. He felt the U.S. could and should play a role in Africa and its development and while there were limitations on what the U.S. could do these did not mean a lack of sympathy or interest. The President said he was convinced from extensive travels in the developing countries of their great importance in the history of the next twenty-five years.

Saying that his own responsibilities probably would not permit an early visit to Africa, the President told Ambassador Akar that he hoped to encourage as many visits by Cabinet officers and other important figures in the Administration to Africa as it was possible to make. He mentioned particularly his interest in having Secretary Finch visit Africa but said that others would also be going.

Ambassador Akar expressed his pleasure at being able to serve in Washington where he already felt at home and where he hoped to learn more of America's democracy. He said the people of his country had a passionate interest in the workings of the democratic system and he hoped to contribute during his service to a better understanding and to an advancement of that system in Africa.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. 9R3

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

BRIEFING

5-17-69

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger HK

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Prime Minister Stevens of Sierra Leone 3 p.m., Monday, May 19.

This is a brief courtesy call. Stevens is in the U.S. mainly for talks at the UN and the World Bank. He goes on to visit Japan.

Stevens is 64, a pro-Western, left-of-center moderate. He was educated in American missionary schools and rose through the ranks of labor union politics. He won a disputed election in 1967 but was kept from office until last May by a series of coups and counter coups. In his year as P.M., Stevens has made some notable progress in bridling the army and restoring the relatively stable democracy which the British had nurtured in Sierra Leone. He is generally popular.

The country's overriding problem is its deep poverty. Stevens has taken IMF advice to check spending, and he concentrates on internal problems rather than foreign policy posturing. But unemployment remains high, skills and literacy are very low, and the dependence on outside sources for development capital is almost total.

There are no major U.S. interests in Sierra Leone; private investment is $12-15 million. Our aid totals $10 million since 1961. But AID's shift to a regional approach in Africa has now reduced our contribution to a small self-help fund, some minor health and educational projects, and $3 million in PL-480 sales. We do have a major (300 volunteers) Peace Corps program.

Stevens reportedly understands this is a courtesy call and no occasion for formal aid requests. Yet he will hardly resist a heavy hint by thanking you for past U.S. help and reciting his continuing needs. You should make clear to Stevens that our assistance has to stay where it is at least for the time being.

(The P.M. will be accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Cyril Foray. State's Joe Palmer will be the escort.)

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Talking Points

1. U.S. friendship for Sierra Leone traces a long history back to our missionaries in the 19th century. We want to continue those basic ties.

2. We admire Stevens' work toward a stable democracy in Sierra Leone. Domestic peace makes possible the progress in development which we think is the main task for every African nation.

3. Within the limits of our resources, we are glad to help where we can in supporting regional educational projects. Sierra Leone should work with us to make the most of our self-help programs and the large Peace Corps contingent.

4. But at this point our aid budget remains very tight, and we are studying new approaches to foreign aid in general. Sierra Leone, as other developing countries, should do all it can to encourage the World Bank and other donors.

Private
Pm Stevens - ~~Informal~~ Visit - Call on the President

5/1 Memo to President from Rogers recommending ofc call May 7-21; or during next session of UNGA

5/3 Memo from Hak to President by Morris approved 5/7

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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF STATE 075298

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CONFIRMS HIS PARTY DEPARTING ROBERTSFIELD MONROVIA MAY 14 AT 1415 HOURS ON PAA 157.

2. HIS OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE IMMEDIATELY AT HAND ETA KENNEDY; BUT SCHEDULE SHOWS ETA 2135 HOURS MAY 14.

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SUBJECT: PRIME STEVENS' VISIT TO US

REF STATE 073690

1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENT APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR PRIME MINISTER STEVENS.

2. STEVENS MOST GRATEFUL AND PLEASED. HE EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS SPECIFIED REFTEL.

3. PRIME MINISTER WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE FEDERAL SECURITY COVERAGE DURING US TRIP.

4. WE WILL WIRE FLIGHT DETAILS AND OTHER INFO REQUESTED REFTEL MAY 12.

GP-3. MINER

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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

1. IN ADDITION TO CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND ACTING SECRETARY, PM PLANS MEET MAY 19 WITH PC ACTING DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT OF WORLD BANK, MANAGING DIRECTOR IMF, AND AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION. ASST. SECRETARY PALMER WILL HOST LUNCH, WITH OTHER GUESTS INCLUDING AID ADMINISTRATOR, PC ACTING DIRECTOR, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MANAGING DIRECTOR IMF, AND ONE OR MORE MEMBERS CONGRESS.

2. BUSY SCHEDULE PLANNED NEW YORK, TENTATIVELY INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN MISSIONS, MAYOR LINDSAY, PRESIDENT OF AHEAD FOUNDATION, AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES.

3. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT DARAMY HAS JOINED PM'S PARTY.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NOTIFIED SEABOARD ALLIED MILLING PER PARA. 4 FREETOWN 523. PM PLANS VISIT KANSAS CITY MAY 21. ELABORATE PREPARATIONS REPORTEDLY BEING MADE. RICHARDSON

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LIMDIS

SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF STATE 072802; FREETOWN 471

1. PRIME MINISTER'S US SCHEDULE REMAINS AS REPORTED EMBTEL 471 -- ARRIVE MAY 14, DEPART MAY 21.

2. WILLIAMS, PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY, STATED MAY 9 HE COULD SPEAK FOR PRIME MINISTER IN SAYING THAT STEVENS' PRIMARY AIM IN US IS TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE ANY TIME MAY 14-21.

3. PREPARATIONS GOING FORWARD FOR PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP. GOSL HAS ISSUED NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AS YET, AWAITING, NO DOUBT, OFFICIAL WORD FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT.

4. WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN INFORMATION AVAILABLE SL EMBASSY AND THAT AUTHORITATIVELY GIVEN US BY PM'S OFFICE.

5. ANY WASHINGTON RESPONSE THIS WEEKEND SHOULD BE LABELED IMMEDIATE TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY. MINER

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 073690

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: FREETWON 494

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT FIFTEEN-MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 3:00 P.M. MONDAY MAY 19.

2. SUGGEST PRIME MINISTER BE ACCOMPANIED BY NOT MORE THAN ONE PERSON OF HIS CHOICE, POSSIBLY MINEXTAFF FORAY. ASSUME PRIME MINISTER WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IN CALL OF THIS TYPE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED.

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4. SL EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US PARTY OF TWELVE WILL INCLUDE PM, MRS. STEVENS, MIN. FORAY, MIN. TAQI, MIN. SHEARS, PM'S SECRETARY WILLIAMS, PM'S PERSONAL SECRETARY COLE, AIDE-DE-CAMP, THREE SECURITY OFFICERS, AND LADY-IN-ATTENDANCE. PLEASE WIRE FULL NAMES, AND RANKS WHERE APPROPRIATE, OF LAST FIVE PERSONS.

5. PLEASE WIRE TIMES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS OF ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE, AND ANY TRAVEL WITHIN U.S.

6. PM IS ENTITLED TO FEDERAL SECURITY COVERAGE DURING VISIT, WHICH WILL BE ACCORDED UNLESS HE DOES NOT DESIRE. PLEASE ADVISE.
GP-3. ROGERS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Thursday, May 8, 1969

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 072802

LIMDIS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: FREETOWN 471

1. SL EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT PM AND PARTY WILL ARRIVE US MAY 17 AND DEPART MAY 21 FOR JAPAN, THUS LEAVING MONDAY MAY 19 AND TUESDAY MAY 20 AVAIL-ABLE FOR APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT.

2. FIFTEEN MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT NEW TIME LIMITATION POSES PROBLEM IN FITTING CALL INTO PRESIDENT'S BUSY SCHEULE. ALL EFFORT BEING MADE. WILL ADVISE.

GP-3 ROGERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 471

LIMDIS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS TO US

REF: STATE 069357

ON BASIS MESSAGE FROM GOSL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, PRIME MINISTER STEVENS HAS POSTPONED HIS DEPARTURE DATE FROM FREETOWN FROM MAY 7 TO MAY 14. MINER

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you receive Prime Minister Stevens of Sierra Leone for a brief courtesy call sometime before he departs May 21.

APPROVE ✓ 5/7

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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6731 May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Call by Prime Minister Stevens of Sierra Leone

Recommendation:

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Approve_____ Disapprove_____

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Approve_____ Disapprove_____

Discussion:

Siaka P. Stevens, Prime Minister of Sierra Leone, plans to visit the US from May 7 to May 14, during which time he desires to call on you and expects to see the President of the World Bank. The Prime Minister has indicated that if that period is not convenient for your schedule, he would welcome an appointment at any other time prior to May 21.

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William P. Rogers

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 1969
Time: 11:00 a.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

FOR:
DR. HENRY KISSINGER

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

SUBJECT (see attached):
President's meeting with Prime Minister Stevens of Sierra Leone on Monday, May 19, 1969 at 3:00 p.m.

ACTION AND REMARKS:

____ For Necessary Action
_X_ Prepare Agenda and Brief
____ For Your Comments
____ For Your Recommendations
____ Draft Reply
____ Draft Remarks
____ For Your Information

Other:

DUE: Date: Friday, May 16, 1969 **Time:** 2:00 p.m.

Please attach this copy to material submitted.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

JRB

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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May 15, 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Courtesy Call by Prime Minister Stevens of Sierra Leone

Enclosed is material for your use when you receive Prime Minister Siaka P. Stevens of Sierra Leone on Monday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m.

The Prime Minister is in the United States on a private visit from May 14 to 21. He plans to call also on the Secretary General of the United Nations and the President of the World Bank. On leaving the United States, he plans to visit Japan and may stop in the United Arab Republic on his way back to Sierra Leone.

Prime Minister Stevens, who has been in office since May 1968, heads an elected civilian government which was installed following two military coups and an army mutiny. He has made progress toward restoring stability in Sierra Leone, but the country still faces economic difficulties and social unrest. Our relations with Sierra Leone have been improving following some tensions during the period of military interventions.

Acting Secretary

Enclosures:
1. Background Paper
2. Talking Points
3. Biographic Statement on Prime Minister Stevens

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BACKGROUND PAPER

for the

PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

OF SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone, a small country of 2.5 million people on the western bulge of Africa, has been an independent member of the Commonwealth since 1961. It was settled in the late eighteenth century by liberated slaves, principally from England, whose descendants -- known as Creoles -- developed into a Christian and westernized community. Under British rule Sierra Leone was divided into a Colony, comprising the Creole area around Freetown, and a Protectorate, comprising the rest of the country where traditional tribal organization was left virtually intact.

The country is poor and economically underdeveloped, with the bulk of the population dependent on subsistence farming. Such development and modernization as exist are disproportionately concentrated around Freetown. A diamond boom, which began in the mid-1950's, gave Sierra Leone an important cash commodity in addition to iron ore, palm kernels, cocoa and coffee. The small modern sector of the economy, with its generally illiterate and unskilled labor force, is largely dependent on foreign sources for development capital.

In the mid-1960's the U.S. replaced the U.K. as Sierra Leone's principal aid donor. Our bilateral assistance through AID has totalled about $10 million since 1961. Because of the new regional emphasis of AID's Africa program, our bilateral aid will now consist only of small amounts of self-help funds. Regional health and higher education projects continue, notably in agricultural education at Njala University College. The provision of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 totalled $2.9 million (including $1.7 million in credit sales) in FY 1969; the FY 1969 level will probably be repeated in FY 1970. The Export-Import Bank

granted Sherbro Minerals, Ltd., a U.S.-controlled firm, a $10 million loan in 1964 to exploit rutile deposits. There are now about 300 Peace Corps volunteers in the country, concentrating on education and rural development.

Sierra Leone was ruled until 1967 by the Mende-dominated and conservative Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP), first under Sir Milton Margai and then under his half-brother, Sir Albert Margai. Sir Albert's regime tended to be autocratic and repressive, and a disputed election in March 1967 was followed by several military interventions in the political process. Siaka Stevens, leader of the Temne-dominated and more leftist All People's Congress (APC) which had been victorious in the 1967 election, was finally installed in May 1968 as Prime Minister of a civilian government.

On balance, Stevens has done a creditable job during his year as Prime Minister. He has made considerable progress toward the restoration of discipline and order in the army. He has followed the IMF's advice and kept expenditures in check, and he has avoided rash ventures in the foreign field. However, not all has been on the plus side. Unemployment remains high, illicit diamond digging and other criminal activities are flagrant, and some younger members of the governing party still press for closer ties with the communist countries.

TALKING POINTS

for the

PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

OF SIERRA LEONE

The meeting has been arranged as a brief courtesy call. Should the Prime Minister, however, raise substantive matters, the material below may be useful.

1. United States - Sierra Leone Relations

Prime Minister Stevens may refer to the history of friendly ties between the two countries.

Suggested Response

You may wish to note that the activities of American missionaries in Sierra Leone during the past century reflected our early interest in the country. The United States continues to be interested in the development of Sierra Leone and is particularly hopeful that Sierra Leone's parliamentary democracy will continue to be strengthened and will serve as an example to other developing nations. The large Peace Corps contingent of about 300 volunteers constitutes an important bond between Sierra Leonean and American individuals as well as between the two governments.

2. United States Assistance to Sierra Leone

Prime Minister Stevens may express his gratitude for past United States assistance, and may at least hint that there is a need for greater assistance.

Suggested Response

You may wish to reply that while the United States recognizes the primacy of Sierra Leone's long historical association with the United Kingdom, the United States has

carried out assistance programs in Sierra Leone since 1965. The participation of Sierra Leoneans in the projects has been encouragingly effective. Under present AID policy, assistance is continuing primarily on a regional basis. We are pleased, for example, at being able to give support to Njala University College, which is providing agricultural education to Sierra Leonean and other African students.

As for bilateral assistance, our Embassy is also prepared to consider additional "self-help" projects (in each of which the United States cost does not normally exceed $10,000 and significant Sierra Leonean participation, in the form of labor and/or other items, is involved).

3. Conversational Points

a. You may wish to express your gratification that we were recently able to arrange round-trip transportation by United States airlines for a young Sierra Leonean girl in need of a critical heart operation. She underwent successful treatment at a Seventh Day Adventist hospital in California, and is now recuperating there.

b. You may want to wish the Prime Minister a successful and pleasant journey, as he plans to depart from the United States on May 21 for Tokyo and may also visit the United Arab Republic on his way back to Sierra Leone.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1969
Wednesday - 12 Noon

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DWIGHT L. CHAPIN

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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6731 May 1, 1969

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS
REF: STATE 068248
REGRET OUR MISUNDERSTANDING OF PARA 2 OF FREETOWN 458, PORTION OF WHICH WAS OMITTED IN COPY INITIALLY RECEIVED BY AF/W. IT IS EVIDENT YOUR STATEMENT REFERRED TO STATE 065025.
GP-2. ROGERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 069357

LIMDIS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: STATE 068248

HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT DESPITE EXTREMELY SHORT LEAD TIME THERE IS ABOUT EVEN CHANCE THAT APPOINTMENT MAY STILL BE FITTED INTO PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. TIME ELEMENT INDICATES THAT IF APPOINTMENT ARRANGED IT MORE LIKELY TO BE IN WEEK MAY 14-21 THAN WEEK MAY 7-14. GP-3. ROGERS

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LIMDIS

SUBJ: PRIMIN STEVENS VISIT TO US

REF STATE 068284, 065025

1. I REGRET ANY LACK OF CLARITY IN EMBTEL 458.

2. OUR REMARKS TO PRIMIN'S SECRETARY AND MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE INTENDED PROVIDE THEM WITH EXPLANATORY BACKGROUND PARTICULARLY NEEDED IN VIEW REPORT THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM HYDE, THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON (SEE PARA. 2, EMBTEL 458), WHICH WAS COUCHED IN ABRUPT TERMS.

3. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT WE TOOK PARTICULAR CARE TO ENSURE THAT ALL CONCERNED FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR REMARKS, LIKE AMBASSADOR HYDE'S MESSAGE, WERE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS AND THAT I SPECIFICALLY INFORMED PRIMIN'S SECRETARY THAT I WAS AWAITING DEFINITIVE WORD FROM WASHINGTON BEFORE COMMUNICATING OFFICIALLY WITH PRIMINISTER.

4. I BELIEVE OUR EXPLANATORY REMARKS WERE NECESSARY AND HELPFUL RATHER THAN OTHERWISE AND SHOULD NOT, IN ANY WAY, RUN COUNTER TO DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS WHICH I GREATLY APPRECIATE.

GP-3. MINER

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 068248

LIMDIS

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: FREETOWN 458

STATEMENT PARA 2 REFTEL TO EFFECT THAT INITIAL REPORT FROM WASHINGTON INDICATED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT COULD NOT BE ARRANGED IS UNCLEAR TO DEPARTMENT. APPOINTMENT STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, ALTHOUGH NO REPEAT NO ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN. GP-3.
ROGERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 458

LIMDIS

SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: STATE 067084

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES.

2. YESTERDAY I TOLD PRIMIN'S SECRETARY, GEORGE WILLIAMS, THAT WHILE I AWAITING DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO PM'S REQUEST, INITIAL REPORT FROM WASHINGTON WAS THAT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT COULD NOT BE ARRANGED. WILLIAMS READ ME AMBASSADOR HYDE'S MESSAGE OF APRIL 26 REPORTING UNLIKELIHOOD OF APPOINTMENT.

3. COUNSELOR OF EMB AND KG MANN SPOKE ALONG SAME LINES TO MINEXTAFF FORAY THIS MORNING. FORAY SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DIFFICULTY ARRANGING APPOINTMENT AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE BUT HOPED PRIMIN WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY SEE PRESIDENT, IF NOT NOW THEN LATER, SINCE PRIMIN IS EAGER MAKE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT AND OTHERS IN US THAT SL WISHES FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH US AND WEST.

4. NEITHER FORAY NOR WILLIAMS KNEW IF PRIMIN WOULD MAKE VISIT IF APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT UNOBTAINABLE. FROM WHAT PRIMIN TOLD ME AND OTHERS HE HAS NOT FORCLOSED POSSIBILITY.

5. I SHALL AWAIT DEPT'S FINAL WORD ON APPOINTMENTS.

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DEPARTMENT HAS CONFERRED WITH DAVIDSON NICOL AND IS SEEKING APPOINTMENTS, WHICH AS YOU KNOW DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE ON SHORT NOTICE. WILL ADVISE.

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1. SOME LOCAL PAPERS APRIL 26 REPORT PRIME MINISTER STEVENS AS STATING HE WOULD BE PAYING OFFICIAL VISITS TO U.S. AND JAPAN IN MAY.

2. ACCORDING DAVIDSON-NICOL, PRESS STORIES BADLY GARBLED. REPORTED, PRIME MINISTER HAD REMARKED IN PRESENCE OF JOURNALISTS THAT HE WOULD SHORTLY BE VISITING JAPAN AND MIGHT VISIT U.S. EN ROUTE. FACT THAT JAPAN VISIT IS OFFICIAL MAY HAVE MISLED REPORTERS. PRIME MINISTER IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REACH ME TO EXPLAIN MATTER.

3. IN ANY CASE, DAVIDSON-NICOL REITERATED THAT PRIME MINISTER FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO U.S. WOULD BE A PRIVATE VISIT AND REALIZES DIFFICULTY OF SECURING APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGHEST U.S. OFFICIALS ON SHORT NOTICE. TO THIS END, PRIME MINISTER WOULD DELAY U.S. PORTION OF TRIP FOR A WEEK, I.E., TO MAY 14-21, IF THIS WOULD FACILITATE HIS SECURING APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT. IF APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT IS NOT FORTHCOMING, PRIME MINISTER MAY WELL CANCEL U.S. TRIP.

4. LOCAL PRESS STORIES UNFORTUNATE BUT UNIMPORTANT AND MAY BE OVERLOOKED LOCALLY IN FLURRY OF LONG WEEK-END CELEBRATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. WE SHALL REFER ANY PRESS QUERIES TO GOSL AND REQUEST LATTER TO STATE THAT DETAILS OF PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP TO JAPAN AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED.

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5. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, DAVIDSON-NICOL WILL TELEPHONE MELBOURNE AF/W FROM NEW YORK APRIL 28.

6. WE CONTINUE RECOMMEND DEPT SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR STEVENS WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR REASONS GIVEN REFTEL.

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PM STEVENS

REF: FREETOWN 272, 431.

1. DEPT REGRETS IT IMPRACTICABLE TO ARRANGE CALL ON PRESIDENT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, IN VIEW PRESIDENT'S MANY PRIOR COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, SEEKING TO ARRANGE BRIEF APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY OR UNDER SECRETARY. ASSTSEC PALMER WOULD RECEIVE PM FOR LONGER MEETING. WILL INFORM EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ANY EXPLICIT POINTS PM MAY INTEND TO RAISE.

3. IBRD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF STEVENS'S PLANNED VISIT. SAYS IT HAS NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSS WITH HIM AND VISIT TO IBRD AT PM LEVEL VERY UNUSUAL. SL AMBASSADOR HYDE ALSO UNAWARE OF VISIT. ROGERS

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1. PRIME MINISTER STEVENS WILL BE IN US MAY 7-14. HE HOPES WASHINGTON CALLS HE HAS REQUESTED CAN BE ARRANGED FOR EITHER MAY 9 OR MAY 12. PRIME MINISTER FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS TRIP TO US IS PRIVATE VISIT WITH NO USG OBLIGATION WITH REGARD TO CEREMONY, ENTERTAINMENT OR EXPENSE.

2. DAVIDSON-NICOL, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING FOR PRIME MINISTER IN

THIS MATTER, IS RETURNING THIS WEEKEND TO HIS POST AS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN. HE INTENDS TELEPHONE MELBOURNE AF/W FROM NEW YORK APRIL 28 FOR NEWS ANY DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING PRIME MINISTER'S REQUESTED CALLS. MINER

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1. PRIME MINISTER STEVENS HAS INFORMED ME HE INTENDS VISIT US UNOFFICIALLY SOMETIME DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS IN MAY AND WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE. HE WOULD EXPECT NO CEREMONY OR OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT. SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO TALK WITH IBRD OFFICIALS ABOUT PROJECTED LOANS TO SL. PRIME MINISTER TENTATIVELY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO JAPAN FROM US.

2. I EXPLAINED IN DETAIL TO INTERMEDIARY, DAVIDSON-NICOL GOSL PERMANENT REP TO UN WHO IS BRIEFLY IN FREETOWN, EXTREME DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING SUCH APPOINTMENTS ESPECIALLY ON SHORT NOTICE. DAVIDSON-NICOL AGREED BUT STATED PRIME MINISTER INSISTED THAT HIS REQUEST AND PLANS BE CONVEYED TO US AUTHORITIES. I EXPECT SEE PRIME MINISTER SEVERAL TIMES NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL MAKE SAME POINTS TO HIM AS TO DAVIDSON-NICOL.

3. IF, AS APPEARS TO BE CASE, PRIME MINISTER STEVENS WILL IN ANY CASE BE IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY MAY AND SINCE HE HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE, I CAN RECOMMEND ONLY THAT HE BE RECEIVED IF POSSIBLE. IF APPOINTMENTS ARE ARRANGED, I WOULD ENSURE THAT PRIME MINISTER UNDERSTOOD THAT CEREMONIAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS HIS VISIT WOULD NECESSARILY BE UNOFFICIAL, AS HE HIMSELF HAS SUGGESTED.

4. WHILE US WOULD DERIVE FEW ADVANTAGES FROM VISIT, IN VIEW PRIME MINISTER'S INITIATIVE, NO US RESPONSE WOULD PROBABLY

BE DETRIMENTAL TO US-SL RELATIONS. MINER

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1. POSSIBLE STEVENS VISIT TO US HAS NEVER BEEN MENTIONED TO US BY ANYONE IN GOSL, IN APC, OR BY INTIMATES OF PRIME MINISTER. FOR EXAMPLE, I HAD SEVERAL EXTENDED TALKS WITH DAVIDSON NICOL, NEWLY APPOINTED SIERRA LEONEAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE LAST MONTH TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST IN WHICH WE DISCUSSED ALL ASPECTS OF US-SL RELATIONS. DAVIDSON NICOL, WHO HAD BEEN IN FREQUENT AND CLOSE CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LONDON, NEVER RAISED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ANY QUESTION OF PRIME MINISTER'S VISITING US.

2. WORKING LEVEL MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SEEMS TO HAVE NO INKLING OF SEISAY'S INITIATIVE AND MINISTER BREWAH IS AS USUAL TRAVELING ABROAD. MINISTRY OFFICIAL WAS SPECIFIC IN STATING THE OBVIOUS: THAT WHEN AMBASSADOR HYDE LEAVES, VICTOR SUMMER WILL BE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO US UNTIL JOHN AKAR TAKES OVER AS AMBASSADOR AT SOME FUTURE TIME NOT KNOWN TO MINISTRY.

3. EMBASSY WOULD NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND INVITATION FOR STEVENS TO VISIT US. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED OR ANY DEFINITE US OBJECTIVES TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. MOREOVER, STEVENS WOULD CERTAINLY SEEK AND EXPECT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IF INVITED.

4. CG SEISAY'S LETTER AND RELATED ACTIONS IN ALL PROBABILITY ARE SELF-INITIATED AND SELF-PROMOTIONAL AND SHOULD BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY. MORE CHARITABLY, IT CAN BE SAID THAT SEISAY HAS NO DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE WHATSOEVER AND MAY NOT BE ENTIRE-

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LY AWARE THAT HE IS ACTING OUT OF CHANNELS. GP-4. MINER

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May 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of Sierra Leone that the appointment of John Joseph Akar as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of Sierra Leone would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

/s/

Henry A. Kissinger

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Richard M. Moose

Attached is a pro forma memorandum for your signature indicating the President's agreement to the appointment of a new Ambassador to Sierra Leone (Tab A).

Secretary Rogers' letter of recommendation to the President is at Tab B.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

S/S-5731

April 18, 1969

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Dear Mr. President:

The Department has received a communication from the Embassy of Sierra Leone in Washington inquiring whether this Government agrees to the appointment of John Joseph Akar as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sierra Leone to the United States. Mr. Akar's biography is enclosed.

I believe that the appointment of Mr. Akar at Washington would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of Sierra Leone of your approval.

Respectfully yours,

William P. Rogers

Enclosure:

Biography.

The President,

The White House.

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1. PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP TO SOVIET UNION HAS DRAWN RELATIVELY LITTLE NOTICE HERE. HOWEVER, WHAT REACTION THERE HAS BEEN FROM INFORMED AND INFLUENTIAL PERSONS HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE.
2. MEDIA COVERAGE HAS BEEN SPOTTY AT BEST. TBF SIERW"# LEONE'S THREE NEWSPAPERS, ALL CONTROLLED BY GOSL OR BY RULING POLITICAL PARTY, ONLY ONE, THE DAILY MAIL, HAS CARRIED STORIES ABOUT VISIT. THESE, WHICH APPEARED MAY 23 AND MAY 30 ON INSIDE PAGE DEVOTED TO FOREIGN NEWS, WERE WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS WITH NO EDP R
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BRIEF MENTION OF VISIT HAS BEEN MADE ON RADIO AND TV NEWS BROADCASTS.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT STEVENS' PRESS ATTACHE, STEVENS HIMSELF HAS SHOWN INTEREST AND WILL READ COPY OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S MAY SPEECH, WHICH WE HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. ATTACHE SAYS OTHERS IN GOSL HAVE EVINCED ONLY MILD INTEREST IN TRIP AND IN GENERAL SIERRA LEONEANS PAID MUCH MORE ATTENTION TO CHINA VISIT.

4. LAST WEEK STEVENS ASKED VISITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO

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SOVIET UNION. STEVENS COMMENTED FAVORABLY ABOUT IT AND OBSERVED THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN EASING WORLD TENSIONS.
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WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ADVANCE NOTICE OF RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. MACE WITHDRAWING HIS NAME. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD MAKE STATEMENT AT OR ABOUT SAME TIME. ADVISE. GP-3.
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YESTERDAY I DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH PRESIDENT STEVENS. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO PEKING IS A VERY WELCOME DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID CHINA HAS BEEN ISOLATED FOR TOO LONG, AND VISIT WILL HELP U.S. AND PRC DEVELOP MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, WHICH ESSENTIAL FOR WORLD PEACE. GP-3.
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1. PRESIDENT STEVENS RECEIVED ME THIS MORNING AT STATE HOUSE. I TOLD HIM WASHINGTON REGRETTED DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE. I RECALLED THAT DURING RECENT DISCUSSION (REF B) HE HAD SAID THAT IN AMERICA IT WOULD BE BETTER IF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES FOR HIGH OFFICE WERE CAREFULLY SCREENED BEFORE NOMINATION SENT TO SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION. I ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WAS DONE, IN MR. MACE'S CASE AS WELL AS ALL OTHER IMPORTANT NOMINATIONS. MR. MACE HAD A FINE RECORD AND NO HINT OF CONTROVERSY AROSE UNTIL AFTER THE NOMINATION WAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY.

2. I TOLD STEVENS I KNEW HOWARD MACE PERSONALLY AND THAT HE WAS AN HONORABLE, DECENT MAN AND A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND CAPABLE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO WOULD HAVE MADE A FINE AMBASSADOR TO THIS COUNTRY. I THEN EXPLAINED WHY THE DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE HAD CONTINUED TO BACK THE NOMINATION AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE DELAY DID NOT IN ANY WAY REFLECT ADVERSELY ON RELATIONS BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. I WENT ON TO INFORM STEVENS THAT MR. MACE HAD WITHDRAWN HIS NAME FROM CONSIDERATION, AND I RELATED SUBSTANCE OF PARA 1 REF A.

4. STEVENS THANKED ME FOR THE INFORMATION AND SAID REGRETTABLY IT WAS FOR THE BEST THAT MR. MACE HAD WITHDRAWN HIS NAME. HE SAID UNFORTUNATELY TOO OFTEN LOGIC DOES NOT PREVAIL OVER EMOTION. THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY ABOUT THE NOMINATION HAS RAISED SUSPICIONS HERE AMONG SOME PEOPLE AND IF MR. MACE HAD COME AS AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE, HE WOULD HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE HANDICAP TO OVERCOME.

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5. I TOLD HIM A NEW NOMINATION WOULD BE MADE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
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REF: STATE 169409

1. PRIME MINISTER MEETING WITH CABINET MOST OF TODAY. I HAVE APPOINTMENT SEE HIM TOMORROW AT 1030. SHALL TALK TO HIM ALONG LINES REFTEL.

2. IN ARTICLE ON COLBY'S EXPULSION, YESTERDAY'S EDITION OF UNITY STATES, "ANOTHER AMERICAN DIPLOMAT, WHOSE NAME HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCLOSED, WAS ALSO COMING FROM THE RESIDENCE OF MAJOR SESAY AT THE SAME TIME (AS COLBY). HE TOO IS LIKELY TO BE ORDERED OUT OF THE COUNTRY." THE ALLEGATION IS, OF COURSE, COMPLETE FABRICATION.

3. I HAVE HAD NO INDICATION FROM ANY SOURCE, OTHER THAN NEWSPAPERS, THAT ANOTHER EXPULSION IS IN THE WORKS. RANTINGS OF GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS MAY BE NO MORE THAN ANTI-AMERICAN BLUSTER, WHICH ON THE INCREASE (FREETOWN 1456). NEVERTHELESS, ANYTHING GOES HERE THESE DAYS AND WE SHOULD NOT DISMISS POSSIBILITY MY TOUR OF DUTY IN FREETOWN COULD BE SLIGHTLY ABBREVIATED BY TWENTY MONTHS. GP-1.
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REF: FREETOWN 1425

1. AT 1615 I RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER:

"WITH REFERENCE TO OUR DISCUSSION YESTERDAY, I SHALL BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL ARRANGE TO REPLACE MR. MARK T. COLBY OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN FREETOWN.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED, AFTER THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THIS GENTLEMAN IN SIERRA LEONE WOULD NOT BE TO THE INTEREST OF THIS COUNTRY."

2. I CALLED PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, BUT HE IN MEETING. I TOLD STEVENS' PRIVATE SECRETARY TO INFORM STEVENS THAT I REGRETTED VERY MUCH THAT GOSL HAD MADE THIS DECISION

AND THAT I WOULD NOTIFY MY GOVERNMENT. I THEN ASKED THAT WE BE GIVEN REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME ENABLE EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR COLBY'S DEPARTURE. HE SAID HE WOULD FIND OUT AND LET ME KNOW. AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES HE CALLED TO SAY STEVENS WOULD GIVE US 48 REPEAT 48 HOURS. HE ADDED THAT MATTER BEING TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY, AT LEAST FOR NOW.
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1. PRIME MINISTER ASKED ME TO SEE HIM AT NOON TODAY AT HIS RESIDENCE. AFTER I ARRIVED HE TOLD ME HE HAD SERIOUS MATTER TO DISCUSS. SAID "DISSIDENTS" IN SIERRA LEONE WERE TRYING OVERTHROW HIS GOVERNMENT. SOME OF THESE DISSIDENTS WERE IN ARMY. HE HAD BECOME AWARE THAT G-2 OFFICER, MAJOR YANKEY SIES WAS ONE OF THEM. LAST WEEK AT MEETING OF CABINET, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, AND SENIOR RSLMF AND POLICE OFFICERS (FREETOWN 1422) SISAY SAID MORALE OF ARMY WAS LOW. THIS POINTED FINGER OF SUSPICION AT HIM BECAUSE PRIME MINISTER KNEW ARMY MORALE WAS ALL RIGHT.

2. STEVENS SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT MARK COLBY HAD BEEN SEEN ARRIVING AT SISAY'S OFFICE SATURDAY (OCTOBER 10) ABOUT 0730. HE COULD NOT PERMIT SITUATION IN WHICH FOREIGN DIPLOMAT MEETING WITH DISSIDENT ARMY OFFICER. CABINET HAD CONSIDERED THE FACTS AND DECIDED COLBY MUST LEAVE SIERRA LEONE. TO "AVOID EMBARRASSMENT" HE ASKING ME HAVE COLBY LEAVE SOONEST.

3. ESSENCE OF MY RESPONSE WAS: (A) LIAISON BETWEEN COLBY AND DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER TOM KESSEBEH APPROVED BY HIM; (B) KESSEBEH AND FORCE COMMANDER BANGURA ESTABLISHED LIAISON BETWEEN COLBY AND SISAY, PRESUMABLY WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE; (C) COLBY MAINTAINING NORMAL, OPEN LIAISON RELATIONSHIP WITH SISAY; (D) COLBY HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING IF SISAY WAS IN OPPOSITION TO PRESENT GOVERNMENT; (E) NOBODY IN GOSL HAD NOTIFIED HIM OR ME TO END THE LIAISON. I ADDED THAT USG HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF GETTING INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN

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OF SIERRA LEONE.

4. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT PEOPLE HAVE CHARGED THAT KAREFA-SMART HAD U.S. BACKING, BUT, AS HE TOLD AMBASSADOR MINER, HE DISCOUNTED SUCH STORIES. NEVERTHELESS, OFFICER OF COLBY'S EXPERIENCE SHOULD NOT HAVE SEEN DISGRUNTLED RSLMF OFFICER DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. I ASKED HIM FOR TIME TO TALK TO COLBY, FOLLOWING WHICH I WOULD RETURN TO SEE HIM. HE ASSENTED.

5. COLBY TOLD ME HE HAD GONE OPENLY TO SEE SISAY SATURDAY MORNING BUT SISAY NOT IN OFFICE. IN EARLY EVENING SISAY HAD DROPPED BY COLBY'S HOUSE AND TALKED WITH HIM FOR FEW MINUTES. WE CALLED KESSEBEH, EXPLAINED SITUATION TO HIM. HE SAID HE'D SEE POLICY COMMISSIONER SMITH. I THEN CALLED PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE BUT WAS TOLD HE TIED UP AND I SHOULD CALL SMITH. I GOT SMITH ON PHONE AND OUTLINED THE PROBLEM. HE SAID COLBY COULD NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE IF SISAY WAS WORKING AGAINST APC GOVERNMENT. SAID HE WOULD SEE STEVENS AND EXPLAIN. SUBSEQUENTLY I CALLED PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE AND WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENT FOR ME AND COLBY TO SEE PRIME MINISTER AT 1900 HOURS.

6. AT 1900 WE SAW STEVENS TOGETHER WITH SMITH AND KESSEBEH. HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME AND STATED THAT COLBY SHOULD LEAVE. I ASKED HIM TO LISTEN COLBY OUT. COLBY EXPLAINED HOW LIAISON ESTABLISHED, POINTED OUT IT WAS DONE AT GOSL REQUEST AND WAS COVPLETELY OVERT OPERATION. SAID HAD HE ANY HINT SISAY WAS NOT COMPLETELY LOYAL TO PRIME MINISTER HE WOULD HAVE SEEN SMITH OR KESSEBEH AND ENDED LIAISNJ WITH SISAY. STEVENS ASKED WHY HE HAD SEEN SISAY AT EARLY HOUR OF 0730. COLBY REPLIED HE HAD ARRANGED SDE SISAY AT LATTER'S OFFICE AT 0830, HAD ARRIVED ABOUT 0845, WAITED UNTIL A LITTLE BEFORE 0900, THEN DEPARTED WITHOUT SEEING SISAY. PRIME MINISTER THEN ASKED COLBY IF LATER INSAME DAY HE HAD BEEN IN VICINITY GRAFTON (ON ROAD BETWEEN FREETOWN AND HSTINGS REGENT). COLBY REPLIED HE HAD NOT, IN FACT NEVER HAD BEEN THERE. STEVENS SEEMED TAKEN ABACK BY THIS.

7. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID IN VIEW TENSE SITUATION IN COUNTRY, COLBY SHOULD HAVE STOPPED SEEING ANYONE IN ARMY. SAID IT

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MIGHT BE COINCIDENCE, BUT ON SAME DAY HE DISCOVERED THAT SOME-
ONE IN RSLMF PLOTTING TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT. I REPEATED THAT
COLBY CONTINUING A RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BY GOSL AND COULD
NOT BE EXPECTED TO KNOW THERE WAS A PLOT AGAINST STEVEN'S
GOVERNMENT. I STATED OUR GOVERNMENTS ENJOYED FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND

REPEATED THAT U.S. HAD DONE NOTHING TO INTER-
FERE IN SIERRA LEONE INTERNAL MATTERS.

8. STEVENS RESPONDED THAT SIERRA LEONE A SMALL COUNTRY AND
DID NOT WANT UPSET GOOD RELATIONS WITH LARGE POWER LIKE
U.S. HOWEVER IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TO
PROTECT ITSELF. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE COULD NOT UNILATERALLY
MAKE DECISION FOR HIS GOVERNMENT. HE WOULD REPEAT TO CABINET
TOMORROW THAT WE HAD TOLD HIM AND WOULD LET ME KNOW ITS
DECISION. COLBY AND I DEPARTED, LEAVING SMITH AND KESSEBEH
WITH HIM.

9. PRIME MINISTER SEEMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE VALIDITY OF OUR
CASE, BUT HE GAVE NO CLEAR INDICATION WHICH WAY DECISION WILL
GO. IN OUR FAVOR IS THAT SMITH AND KASSEBA FULLY COGNIZANT
OF FACTS AND HAVE BEEN OPEN AND FRIENDLY WITH COLBY. ON
OTHER HAND, NEITHER LIKELY TO RISK HIS POSITION BY TAKING
ADAMANT STAND AGAINST PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES. MOREOVER,
REASON IS A SCARCE COMMODITY AMONG PRESENT LEADING PER-
SONALITIES CABINET.
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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: STATE 075298

1. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CONFIRMS HIS PARTY DEPARTING ROBERTSFIELD MONROVIA MAY 14 AT 1415 HOURS ON PAA 157.

2. HIS OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE IMMEDIATELY AT HAND ETA KENNEDY: BUT SCHEDULE SHOWS ETA 2135 HOURS MAY 14.

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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER STEVENS

REF: STATE 072802; FREETOWN 471

1. PRIME MINISTER'S US SCHEDULE REMAINS AS REPORTED EMBTEL 471 -- ARRIVE MAY 14, DEPART MAY 21.

2. WILLIAMS, PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY, STATED MAY 9 HE COULD SPEAK FOR PRIME MINISTER IN SAYING THAT STEVENS' PRIMARY AIM IN US IS TO TALK WITH PRESIDENT AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE ANY TIME MAY 14-21.

3. PREPARATIONS GOING FORWARD FOR PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP. GOSL HAS ISSUED NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AS YET, AWAITING, NO DOUBT, OFFICIAL WORD FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT.

4. WE HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN INFORMATION AVAILABLE SL EMBASSY AND THAT AUTHORITATIVELY GIVEN US BY PM'S OFFICE.

5. ANY WASHINGTON RESPONSE THIS WEEKEND SHOULD BE LABELED IMMEDIATE TO ENSURE TIMELY DELIVERY. MINER

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1. YOU MAY INFORM PRESIDENT STEVENS THAT MR. MACE HAS WITHDRAWN HIS NAME FROM CONSIDERATION AS AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MR. MACE'S ACTION IN NO WAY REFLECTS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HIM ON THE PART OF THE EXECUTIVE. ON THE CONTRARY, HE WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER HIGHLY IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT. WHILE MR. MACE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY WOULD LEAD TO HIS CONFIRMATION, HE HAS ALSO CONCLUDED THAT SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULD NOT BE REACHED WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE FURTHER DELAY. BECAUSE OF THE LONG DELAYS THAT HAVE ALREADY ENSUED AND BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE AND THE UNITED STATES, HE DOES NOT WISH THESE RELATIONS TO BE HANDICAPPED ANY LONGER BY THE ABSENCE OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN FREETOWN.

2. THE DEPARTMENT RESPECTS MR. MACE'S DECISION AND SHARES HIS REGRET OVER THIS LONG ABSENCE. WE WILL MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH A NEW NOMINATION. ROGERS

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SUBJ: MEMCON: SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR AKAR AND DEPUTY
ASST SECRETARY CARTER ON US-GOSL RELATIONS

REF: STATE 171475

1. AT HIS REQUEST AKAR RETURNED TO DEPT TO SEE CARTER AFTER-NOON OCT 16. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO INFORM DEPT AKAR HAD TALKED LONG DISTANCE TO HIS PRIME MINISTER WHO GAVE PERSONAL ASSURANCES HIS DESIRE FOR CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND INFORMED AKAR HE HAD SENT LETTER OF APOLOGY FOR DEMONSTRATION EMBASSY FREETOWN TO CHARGE PETERSON.

2. THE PM SAID HE DID NOT CONDONE THE RECENT ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIONS AND INTENDS MAKE SPEECH TO NATION NO LATER THAN MONDAY IN VIEW ON WHOLE SITUATION. IN ADDITION HE WILL RESTATE GOVT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD US.

3. PM SAID HE CONCERNED RE STATEMENT THAT ASSURANCE HAD BEEN GIVEN REGARDING PUBLICIZING OF EXPULSION OF COLBY. COMMENT:

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PERHAPS PM NOT AWARE OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHARGE AND PM'S PRIVATE SECRETARY REPORTED YOUR 1429. END COMMENT

4. RE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES PM SAID GOSL SHOULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE. THAT ARTICLES CRITICAL TO HIM HAVE APPEARED. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID HE WOULD SUMMON EDITORS AND INSIST UPON RESTRAINT. ON UNITY AKAR SAID THE EDITOR WAS UNBALANCED, EXAGGERATES AND IS A SENSATIONALIST.

5. CONCERNING COLBY'S EXPULSION PM TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT COLBY WAS SEEN AT 8 IN THE MORNING AT THE HOME OF AN ARMY OFFICER AND THIS WAS QUITE CLEARLY COMPROMISING IN VIEW OF CURRENT INTERNAL SITUATION. COMMENT: WHILE STEVENS' COMMENTS AT ODDS WITH INFO FURNISHED TO PM BY CHARGE AND COLBY AS REPORTED YOUR 1425 IT WAS AGREED NOTHING WOULD BE SERVED BE DWELLING ON THIS. END COMMENT.

6. SUMMARIZING PM'S ATTITUDE AKAR SAID PM WAS DISTRESSED OVER THE INCIDENTS OF LAST 72 HOURS AND DESIRED TO REASSURE US OF GOSL'S FRIENDSHIP BUT THAT THESE UNUSUAL TIMES IN SL AND UNUSUAL MEANS HAD TO BE TAKEN TO STEM THE TIDE.

7. CARTER TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF AKAR'S VISIT TO NOTE LATEST REPORTS FROM FREETOWN INDICATE SOME OF PRESS INVECTIVE BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS PEACE CORPS AND HE RE-ITERATED HE HOPED MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO SECURE SAFETY OF AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY IN SIERRA LEONE.

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USUN FOR MELADY

SUBJ: MEMCON: SIERRA LEONE AMBASSADOR AKAR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CARTER ON US-GOSL RELATIONS

1. AT DEPT'S REQUEST AKAR CALLED ON CARTER OCT 16. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO INDICATE US DISTRESS OVER RECENT DETERIORATION GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND REQUEST AKAR CONVEY THIS CONCERN TO GOSL.

2. CARTER SAID CONCERN CENTERED AROUND WHAT APPEARED TO BE ORCHESTRATION OF ANTI-US FEELING IN SIERRA LEONE. HE CITED UNWARRANTED EXPULSION OF EMBASSY OFFICER WITHOUT BILL OF PARTICULARS, AND WITH ONLY REASON GIVEN THAT HE SEEING AN ARMY OFFICER WHO IN FACT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTING WITH GOSL KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL. FURTHER, GOSL HAD INDICATED EXPULSION WOULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED IN NEWSPAPER BUT STORY CARRIED LOCALLY BASED ON INFO DOUBTLESS GIVEN BY SOMEONE IN GOVT. FINALLY THERE WAS DEMONSTRATION INCLUDING APC MEMBERS AGAINST OUR EMBASSY OCT 15 WHICH INCLUDED DESECRATION US FLAG AND BREADAGE US WINDOWS. CARTER INDICATED DISTRESS THAT GOSL APPEARED BE MAKING US SCAPEGOAT IN PRESENT INTERNAL POLITICAL CRISIS DESPITE OUR

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AMBASSADOR'S ASSURANCE AND PRIME MINISTER STEVENS' ACCEPTANCE THAT US NOT INVOLVED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SL.

3. IN RESPONSE AKAR CONVEYED THE CONCERN OF FONMIN FORAY BUT SAID EVENTS OF LAST 72 HOURS WERE FLASH IN PAN AND DID NOT REFLECT FEELINGS OF PEOPLE SL TOWARDS US. HE SAID US SHOULD DISPLAY GREATER PATIENCE VIEW ITS LONGER INDEPENDENCE AND CURRENT VOLATILE SITUATION SL. HE SAID EDITORIALS IN NEWSPAPERS NOT REFLECTIVE ATTITUDE OF GOVT AND PRESENCE APC MEMBERS IN EMBASSY DEMONSTRATION NOT NECESSARILY INDICATION PARTY INVOLVEMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE CARTER AGREED SENTIMENTS OF SL PEOPLE TOWARDS US WERE GOOD BUT DANGER WAS SUCH SENTIMENTS COULD BE REVERSED. USG DOES NOT WISH TO SEE LOSS OF GOOD RELATIONS BASED ON INCONSEQUENTIAL ACTIONS. IN RESPONSE TO AKAR'S QUERY AS TO HOW SITUATION COULD BE IMPROVED, CARTER SAID GOSL COULD INDICATE ITS DISAPPROVAL OF ACTION AND PASS WORD ON THAT US IS NOT INVOLVED IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS SL. SINCE ACTIONS LEADING TO DETERIORATION RELATIONS TWO COUNTRIES STARTED IN FREETOWN BY SOMEONE IN OR NEAR GOVT OR APC, RESOLUTION SHOULD COME FROM THERE.

5. CARTER ENDED CONVERSATION WITH REITERATION HIGHEST LEVEL CONCERNED OVER RECENT EVENTS AND HOPE THEY WILL NOT GO FURTHER. AKAR SAID HE WOULD CONVEY US VIEW TO HIS GOVT IMMEDIATELY.

6. AKAR LATER TOLD DEPOFF HE AND FORAY SO DISTRESSED BY EVENTS THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERING SUBMITTING THEIR RESIGNATIONS IF CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS US DID NOT IMPROVE. AKAR SAID HE DID NOT KNOW OF SITUATION UNTIL INFORMED OF IT BY DEPT AND THAT DOUBTLESS HIS GOVT WAS KEEPING WORD FROM HIM SINCE THEY KNOW OF HIS STRONG PRO-US FEELINGS. HE SAID HE WAS POOR MAN BUT WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RESIGN AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. GP-1. IRWIN

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1. IN ADDITION NOTE OF PROTEST TO MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PROPOSED REF A YOU SHOULD DURING CALL ON PRIMIN EXPRESS CONCERN AT DEMONSTRATION AND SEEK ASSURANCES SAFETY AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

2. FYI: DEPT HAS BROUGHT MATTER TO EMBASSY COUNSELOR SUMNER'S ATTENTION AND IS CALLING IN AMBASSADOR AKARI ON HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 16.
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1. DEPT VERY CONCERNED BY EXPULSION COLBY AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, PARTICULARLY DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL QUOTED REFTEL (A) WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY DIRECTED AGAINST YOU.

2. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTIONS, YOU SHOULD BRING THIS CONCERN TO ATTENTION PRIME MINISTER ON EARLY OCCASION. YOU COULD ALSO REMIND STEVENS THAT AMB MINER ON SEPT 19 TOLD HIM IN MOST CATEGORIACAL TERMS THAT US WAS NOT INTERFERING IN ANY WAY IN SL DOMESTIC POLITICS AND THAT STEVENS FULLY ACCEPTED AMB'S ASSURANCES, AS HE RECALLED IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU ON OCT 12 (REF B). YOU COULD ALSO ADD THAT DEPT HAS NOTED PM'S ASSURANCES THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO UPSET RELATIONS WITH US AND INDICATION THAT COLBY EXPULSION WOULD BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY (REF C). THIS CONNECTION PUBLICITY ACCORDED COLBY EXPULSION AND PUBLIC ATTACK ON US POLICY AND OTHER EMB OFFICIAL IN DAILY MAIL EDITORIAL OF OCT. 14 MOST DISTURBING. PM SHOULD KNOW THAT US TRUSTS GOSL, IN LINE WITH PM'S DECLARED DESIRE TO AVOID UPSETTING SL RELATIONS WITH US, WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS PRVENT ANY FURTHER SUCH ENTIRELY UNJUSTIFIED PUBLIC ATTACKS ON US.

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REF: FREETOWN 1425 AND 1429

FULLY ENDORSE APPROACH YOU HAVE TAKEN WITH PM STEVENS. UNDER CIRCUSTANCE SEE NO OTHER COURSE BUT FOR COLBY DEPART AS REQUESTED. ORDERS BEING CABLED IMMEDIATELY FOR DIRECT TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT.

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIERRA LEONE'S INDEPENDENCE I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE THE SINCERE GOOD WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE TIES OF MUTUAL TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAVE DEVELOPED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I AM CONFIDENT, WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE COMING YEAR.
RICHARD NIXON

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HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT DESPITE EXTREMELY SHORT LEAD TIME THERE IS ABOUT EVEN CHANCE THAT APPOINTMENT MAY STILL BE FITTED INTO PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE. TIME ELEMENT INDICATES THAT IF APPOINTMENT ARRANGED IT MORE LIKELY TO BE IN WEEK MAY 14-21 THAN WEEK MAY 7-14. GP-3. ROGERS

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REGRET OUR MISUNDERSTANDING OF PARA 2 OF FREETOWN 458, PORTION OF WHICH WAS OMITTED IN COPY INITIALLY RECEIVED BY AF/W. IT IS EVIDENT YOUR STATEMENT REFERRED TO STATE 065025.
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PM STEVENS

REF: FREETOWN 272, 431.

1. DEPT REGRETS IT IMPRACTICABLE TO ARRANGE CALL ON PRESIDENT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, IN VIEW PRESIDENT'S MANY PRIOR COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, SEEKING TO ARRANGE BRIEF APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY OR UNDER SECRETARY. ASSTSEC PALMER WOULD RECEIVE PM FOR LONGER MEETING. WILL INFORM EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT ANY EXPLICIT POINTS PM MAY INTEND TO RAISE.

3. IBRD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF STEVENS'S PLANNED VISIT. SAYS IT HAS NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSS WITH HIM AND VISIT TO IBRD AT PM LEVEL VERY UNUSUAL. SL AMBASSADOR HYDE ALSO UNAWARE OF VISIT. ROGERS

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FYI FOLLOWING MESSAGE WILL BE SENT VIA COMMERCIAL CHANNELS TO ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL TEJAN-SIE ON PARIL 26. QUOTE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JOIN WITH ME IN EXTENDING TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE WARM WISHES AND HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEBENDENCE. IT IS OUR DESIRE THAT THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS WILL CONTINUE. RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE.

THE DEPT WILL RELEASE UPON CONFIRMATION BY EMB OF RECEIPT BY ACTING GOVERNOR GENERAL UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 039692

1. TINGA SEISAY, SIERRA LEONEAN CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, HAS WRITTEN FOLLOWING LETTER TO SECRETARY: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY, FIRST OF ALL PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO EUROPE AND YOURSELF AND THE PRESIDENT. I AM SURE THAT NOTHING BUT GOOD CAN COME OF IT.

"IT HAS BEEN FOR SOMETIME, THE DESIRE OF MANY OF MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SIERRA LEONE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONE OF THE MOST PRACTICAL WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS WOULD BE FOR OUR PRIME MINISTER TO PAY A GOODWILL VISIT TO YOUR GREAT COUNTRY. TO THIS END, ON A RECENT VISIT TO LONDON, DURING THE COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTER'S CONFERENCE, I BROACHED THE SUBJECT TO MY PRIME MINISTER. HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. SINCE MY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE MENTIONED THIS SUBJECT IN A FEW DESPATCHES TO HIM, AND HIS RESPONSE HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE.

"AS I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WILL BE LEAVING BEFORE VERY LONG, I SHOULD LIKE TO BE FAVORED WITH AN INTERVIEW BY YOU, RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED MATTER.

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2. HAS EMBASSY RECEIVED ANY INDICATION STEVENS DESIROUS OF VISITING US? OUT OF CHANNELS CONTACT AND FACT AMBASSADOR HYDE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF MOVE CAN GIVE RISE TO SITUATION IN WHICH DEPT PREFERS NOT TO BECOME EMBROILED. IF EMBASSY CONCURS WOULD APPRECIATE DISCREET CHECK TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTRY AWARE SEISAY'S ACTIVITIES.

3. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND AT OUTSET OF NEW ADMINISTRATION THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO SCHEDULE VISITS HEADS OF GOVT. WHILE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO RULE OUT VISIT, IF STEVENS ACTUALLY DESIROUS OF COMING, IT IS NOT LIKELY CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO OFFICIAL VISIT UNTIL SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. ROGERS

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"As I understand that our Ambassador in Washington will be

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